

Amendments to the Specification

Amend paragraph 0001 on page 1 as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation of application Ser. No. 10/418,988 filed April 18, 2003 Pat. No. 6,719,201, which is a continuation of application Ser. No. 08/792,829 filed January 30, 1997 Pat. No. 6,575,368, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional application of Ser. No. 60/010,935 filed January 31, 1996.

Amend paragraph 0101 on page 25 as follows:

[0101] Other functions may be controlled with the electrical glitch synchronized timing signals. Signal processing and/or decoding may be disabled whenever the facet wheel is aligned to produce a scan line which is not needed in one mode of operation. This too will reduce power consumption, decrease inadvertent reads, reduce servicing, and inhibit inadvertent reads. In a data reader and method for data reading, such as a barcode scanner, the scan pattern generating optics and other features may be optimized for different modes of operation. In a preferred embodiment, different patterns are projected from different apertures in the scanner housing, one scan pattern optimized for handheld operation and the other optimized for

fixed operation. Other optimizable features include the presence or absence of an aiming beam, which may be generated from the same laser source as the scan pattern or from another source, and enabling or disabling decoding of the signal received signal during a portion of a facet wheel rotation. Processing and/or decoding may be disabled while the scan line(s) for handheld use is generated unless a switch or trigger is actuated.